

against the veto override and I think there is one compelling substantive reason and Senator Johnson again stated that. He said there is a bill, a bill that would redo basically the entire homestead exemption laws in the area involved here. And Senator Johnson said, I think I support that bill, I'm Chairman of Revenue, I'm going to help to get it out here. Exactly. However, if you do the veto override, then there is a certain pressure removed to redo the homestead laws the way the Governor has proposed and those proposals he has made, whether they be from Democrat, Republican, Liberal, Conservative, they're necessary. Senator Johnson knows it, I know it. I think that Senator Labedz and some of the others know that we have to make some major changes in that particular program to get control of the costs and to get sure the money that you're going to put in of other taxpayers is targeted strictly to those in need, strictly to those who it should be going to. So for those reasons I submit to you it makes more sense at this particular time not to override the veto, to go ahead and process the new bill that has been introduced and to see, if with that kind of temporary mood or attitude of cooperation, to see if we can't get this thing solved rather than deliberately create areas of confrontation that might not be necessary.

PRESIDENT: On behalf of Senator Cal Carsten the Chair would like to announce that he has a personal guest here this morning with him. Perhaps he is behind the photographers, but it's his friend Mr. Ted Brown from California is his guest. He is his longtime friend and best man at Senator Carsten's wedding. We welcome you to the Chamber, Mr. Brown. Glad you're here visiting us. The Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. It is very difficult for me to vote to override the Governor's veto, but I think Senator Johnson and Senator DeCamp both, on opposite sides though, explained what is happening. Many of you I know met with the Governor in regard to the three changes that will be coming up in LB 1256. Almost every change in the homestead exemption I was responsible for and it started in 1976 when it was my first priority bill where I increased the homestead exemption for the elderly, but I did also put in an income limitation and also increased then at that time the valuation. When I came here in 1976 it was the first 15,000. It is now up to the first 35,000 because